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APPLICANT: Donald M. Stromquist  
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CONFRM. NO.: 8759  
FOR: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
INCREASING THE CAPACITY OF ION  
EXCHANGE RESINS

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8**

DATE OF DEPOSIT: August 31, 2005

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**

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Sir/Madam:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application for two month(s).

- ☒ Applicant claims small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9(b) & 1.27(c).
- ☒ A check including the extension fee of \$225.00 is enclosed.
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